



Alpine Valleys

agribusiness forum

'Australian Alpine Valleys - Where the Best Grows to Perfection'

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2009 AAVAF Innovation and Entrepreneurship Awards Now open for nomination

The Australian Alpine Valleys Agribusiness Forum is now inviting agribusinesses of the North East to nominate for the 2009 AAVAF Agribusiness Innovation and Entrepreneurship Awards.

Held over the past four years, the converted Awards have recognised a number prominent agribusinesses who have shown great leadership in the sector by realising opportunities where others have failed to. Vital to the region, the AAVAF recognises the exemplary work demonstrated by those who have made a difference in their industry through employment, investment and product and brand development. Visit alpvalleys.com.au to find out more about the AAVAF Award Alumni successes.

With \$4000 prize money up for grabs, publicity and industry recognition, the Awards, proudly supported by agribusiness sponsors, North East Catchment Management Authority, Bendigo Bank and the Department of Primary Industry and Wodong TAFE, celebrate agribusiness innovation and entrepreneurship in North East Victoria.

The AAVAF Awards invite agribusinesses throughout the North East to participate in celebrating and sharing their success in doing things differently, often by

- growing through innovation
- successfully identifying and growing new niche markets for their product
- adapting business production and methodology to meet outside challenges

Nominations are invited in the following categories, New and Emerging Agribusiness Award [businesses operating less than 5 years] and Commercial Agribusiness Achievement [open to all agribusinesses]. A third category, Agribusiness of the Year, will also be presented by judges on the night.

An open invitation is extended to all to attend the AAVAF Showcase, Forum and AGM afternoon and Awards presentation dinner on Wednesday October 14 at Remel 185 in Whorouly.

Contact Lachlan Campbell, Sustainability Manager, AAVAF on (03) 5721 6088 for more details or visit alpvalleys.com.au to download an AAVAF Awards nomination form.